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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2002

A RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING EFFORTS OF THE MEXICO-UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO ERADICATE
FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, 2012 marks the centennial year of Arizona statehood; and
2 Whereas, the livestock industry in all its many and varied forms has
3 played a significant role in the development of our state's agribusiness
4 economy over the last 100 and more years; and
5 Whereas, nearly 50% of our agricultural production is in livestock, and
6 beef cattle, including calves, are the leading source of Arizona farm income;
7 and
8 Whereas, it is important to recognize the significant contributions of
9 individuals who have played important roles in our state's history; and
10 Whereas, foot-and-mouth disease is a highly contagious infectious
11 disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals, including domestic and wild
12 bovids. The virus causes a high fever for two or three days, followed by
13 blisters inside the mouth and on the feet that may rupture and cause
14 lameness; and
15 Whereas, there have been no cases of foot-and-mouth disease within the
16 continental United States since 1929; and
17 Whereas, during 1946 in the Mexican State of Veracruz, foot-and-mouth
18 disease appeared shortly after the importation of cattle from South America.
19 Due to a delay in proper diagnosis and the movement of infected animals, the
20 disease was soon spreading at the rate of 500 square miles a day; and
21 Whereas, the Mexico-United States Commission to Eradicate
22 Foot-and-Mouth Disease, or Commission Mexico-Americana para la Erradicacion
23 de la Fiebre Aftosa, was established in 1946 to fight and stop the spread of
24 this devastating disease; and
25 Whereas, from April 1947 until April 1954, as many as 8,000 workers
26 from both sides of the border, including soldiers, animal inspectors,
27 veterinarians, support staff and volunteers from Arizona, worked tirelessly
28 to stop the spread of the disease; and
29 Whereas, over one million animals, including cattle, swine and sheep,
30 were lost during the eradication program; and
31 Whereas, in the summer of 1948 the Commission began the vaccination
32 program, which resulted in more than 60 million doses of vaccine being used;
33 and
34 Whereas, the final cost to stop the outbreak and prevent the spread
35 into border states, including Arizona, was more than \$136 million; and
36 Whereas, a large number of the "Aftosa" Commission members came from
37 the State of Arizona, and their contribution directly benefited the livestock
38 industry in our state and nation by helping to stop the spread of the disease
39 northward into the United States; and
40 Whereas, the dedication, sacrifice and contributions of the Commission
41 members prevented incalculable cost and negative impact that foot-and-mouth
42 disease would have had on the state's livestock industry; and
43 Whereas, by their dedicated actions, Aftosa Commission members not only
44 helped eradicate a disease using a vaccine for the first time in history, but
45 showed that two sovereign nations could work together in a cooperative spirit

1 to pursue a common goal. These unselfish and dedicated individuals are
2 indeed "the Greatest Generation."
3 Therefore
4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:
5 1. That the Members of the House of Representatives recognize and
6 honor the selfless contributions of the Arizona members of the Mexico-United
7 States Commission to Eradicate Foot-and-Mouth Disease that resulted in the
8 preservation of the Arizona and American livestock industry.
9 2. That the Members of the Arizona House of Representatives encourage
10 schools and civic groups to teach and commemorate the important historical
11 contributions of the Mexico-United States Commission to Eradicate
12 Foot-and-Mouth Disease to save the livestock industry from possible
13 devastation, thereby preserving the legacy of our state's rich livestock
14 industry.

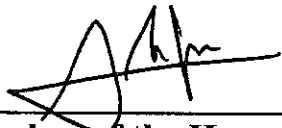
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by the following vote: 50 Ayes,

0 Nays, 10 Not Voting



Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pro Tempore



Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

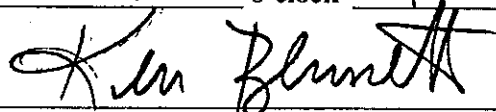
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This Resolution received by the Secretary of State

this 28th day of March, 20 11

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Secretary of State